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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Thomson/Ferrary ORIGINAL DATE _____ LAST UPDATED _____ HB 43

SHORT TITLE Renal Dialysis Facility Requirements SB _____

ANALYST Chilton

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 43 creates a new section of the Public Health Act (Section 24-1 NMSA 1978) that charges the Secretary of Health with requiring that all renal dialysis centers provide patients receiving dialysis services with counseling on alternatives in the care of their kidney disease, including the possibility of kidney transplant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation associated with this bill. The Department of Health would expend some personnel time in composing the requirement, making it known to renal dialysis facilities and enforcing this provision of the amended Public Health Act.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

It is not known how many New Mexico dialysis centers fail to give information about options for end-stage kidney disease other than dialysis. The Aging and Long-Term Services Department website (newmexico.networkofcare.org) lists 33 dialysis centers within the state. It is to be noted that end-stage renal disease is one of very few conditions that enables patients to receive Medicare coverage regardless of age, including renal dialysis and kidney transplant.

The National Kidney Foundation has prepared a booklet to be given to patients stating their rights and responsibilities. It is attached. The section of the document dealing with treatment option rights is reproduced below:

6. Treatment Options

You have the right to:

- Receive a full explanation of all treatment options for kidney disease, including their advantages and disadvantages.
- Receive a full explanation of the kidney transplant process, including all transplant options.
- Select the transplant center at which you desire to have a transplant evaluation after consultation with the nephrologist.
- Be informed of new advances in home care and have the opportunity to make a change to that treatment option.
- Receive educational materials about new procedures in home care. •Receive follow-up care by dietary, social work, and nursing services.
- Receive information about dialysis facilities that offer home dialysis.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Dialysis centers would give information to patients as they saw fit.

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